

COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION

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Instructions: Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the **Office of Public Records** in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING.

Name of Traveler: Blake Souter

Employing Office/Committee: Kaine

Private Sponsor(s) (List all): ICRC

Travel Date(s): May 31-June 1, 2017

Description/Title of Attached Forms: PSTCF (final version); Itinerary (final version)

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): Post-travel submission
must be amended with the Office of Public Records in SH-232.

6-16-2017
(Date)


(Signature of Traveler)

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
2. Description of the trip: Educational opportunity to study International Humanitarian Law (IHL)
3. Dates of travel: May 31 - June 1, 2017
4. Place of travel: Charlottesville, VA
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See attached list of Senate invitees
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
 - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
– OR –
 - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
– AND –
 - ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
 - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
– AND –
 - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip

– OR –

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

The ICRC is offering this seminar to provide an educational opportunity to engage participants in the topic and application of IHL (International Humanitarian Law). The ICRC is the sole sponsor of the trip.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

The ICRC is an impartial, neutral, and independent organization that has as its mandate in the Geneva Conventions. The ICRC works to promote and strengthen IHL and its principles. Part of ICRC mandate is to disseminate IHL and facilitate knowledge and understanding of the rules of war.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

From 2007 to 2017, the ICRC has sponsored trips to South Sudan, DRC, Haiti, Uganda, Georgia, the Western Balkans, Colombia, Mexico, and the International Tracing Service (ITS).

This is the 10th Applying IHL Seminar the ICRC has sponsored in Charlottesville, VA.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

Briefings and roundtable discussions on IHL; sharing expertise and operational experience on the application of IHL.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	0	\$145 total	\$131 total	\$10 (USB drive with course materials and handouts)

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

A) Without regard to congressional participation

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The Human Rights Program at the University of Virginia (UVA School of Law) and the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School are providing the venue for the event.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Inn at Darden, 100 Darden Boulevard, Charlottesville, VA

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The lodging facility is located on the UVA campus and within walking distance of the seminar facilities. It is priced competitively to other hotels located near the university and no expense will be made on transportation due to its proximity on foot.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Lodging is over the GSA maximum rate per night for Charlottesville due to high demand that weekend.

Meals are below the per diem rate.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Participants are expected to arrange their own transportation from the Washington metro area to

Charlottesville and back. The ICRC is not providing any transportation.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

N/A

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

Name and Title: François Stamm, Head of Regional Delegation for the United States and Canada

Name of Organization: International Committee of the Red Cross

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**10TH ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW SEMINAR FOR
POLICYMAKERS**

Congressional Staff (Invited):

- Blake Souter, Sen. Kaine
- Charlotte Oldham-Moore, Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- Peter Billerbeck, Rep. Seth Moulton
- Elizabeth O'Bagy, Sen. McCain
- Rob Leonard, Sen. Durbin
- Taryn Frideres, Sen. Ernst
- Katie Donnell, Rep. Paul Ryan
- Brad Bowman, Sen. Young
- Kevin Marsh, Sen. Young
- Jessica Moore, Rep. Thomas Rooney
- Janice Kaguyutan,
- Mark Iozzi, House Foreign Affairs Committee
- Caitlin Poling, Sen. Purdue
- Sarah Arkin, Sen. Menendez
- Igor Khrestin, Sen. Gardner
- Bethany Poulos, Sen. Rubio
- William Johnson
- Michael Turner
- Ryan Evans, Sen. Isakson
- Bill Monahan, Senate Armed Services Committee
- Tom Goffus, Senate Armed Services Committee
- Michael Noblet, Senate Armed Services Committee
- Heather Flynn, Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- Trey Hicks, Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- Joan Condon, House Foreign Affairs Committee
- Luci Arveseth, Rep. Chris Stewart
- Tomas Mancinelli, Sen. Coons
- Rebecca Ulrich, House Foreign Affairs Committee
- Jason Steinbaum, House Foreign Affairs Committee



**10TH ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW SEMINAR FOR POLICYMAKERS
May 31 – June 1, 2017**

International Humanitarian Law (IHL), also known as the Law of War or the Law of Armed Conflict, has as its cornerstones the Hague Regulations and the Geneva Conventions. Knowledge of this body of law has become an invaluable asset for today's policymakers.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), in coordination with The Human Rights Program of the University of Virginia School of Law (UVA) and the participation of the U.S. Army JAG Legal Center and School, is hosting the tenth annual seminar aimed at building an understanding of IHL and how it can best be applied to armed conflicts in which the United States is involved today.

Members of the U.S. policy community, practitioners, and other professionals whose work has an impact on the development and/or application of IHL, are invited to attend the seminar at the University of Virginia School of Law in Charlottesville, VA.

Workshop location: Purcell Reading Room, UVA Law School

Wednesday, May 31

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| 12:00 – 13:00 | Meet & Greet Lunch – Stone Dining Room
Please join us for this informal lunch to meet and greet all the participants before the sessions begin. You are welcome to drop your bags at the hotel, or check-in later. |
| 13:00 – 13:15 | Welcome and Introductions |
| 13:15 – 14:15 | Basics of International humanitarian law (IHL)
IHL exists to limit the ways wars are fought by balancing humanity with military necessity. This discussion will cover the background and generation of international humanitarian law (IHL), when it applies, its connection to international human rights law, and the role of the ICRC.
<i>Tom Nachbar, UVA Law School</i> |
| 14:15 – 15:00 | The role of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
This session will introduce participants to the ICRC, its role as custodian of international humanitarian law (IHL), and highlight ICRC operations in key contexts.
<i>Stephane Bonamy, ICRC Washington</i> |
| 15:00 – 15:15 | Break |
| 15:15 – 16:30 | Targeting & detention in armed conflict |

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IHL seeks to protect persons not or no longer participating in hostilities. IHL provides rules on *who* and *what* may be attacked, as well as *who* may be detained and for what reasons. This session will discuss the differences between civilians and combatants under IHL, and what repercussions a person's status has for targeting and detention decisions. The session will also address the set of principles that aim to protect persons not participating in hostilities and limit the damage of the attack.

MAJ Jim Sleesman, TJAGLCS

Andrea Harrison, ICRC Washington

16:30 – 17:00

Moderated Q & A regarding Targeting & detention in armed conflict

Tom Nachbar, UVA Law School

18:30

Meet in the lobby if you want to walk to dinner

19:00 – 21:00

Working Dinner at The Ivy Inn Restaurant

Debrief on IHL basics and ICRC roles – Q&A of ICRC staff

Tracey Begley, ICRC Washington

2244 Old Ivy Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903

Parking is easily available at the restaurant.

Phone: 434-977-1222.

Thursday, June 1

08:00

Breakfast begins in the Purcell Reading Room

08:30 – 09:15

Working with non-state armed groups and asymmetric warfare

There are often discussions about current "asymmetric" conflicts, referring to the imbalance when a State and a non-State armed group are fighting. This session will explore some of these issues, as well as the ICRC's work with all arms-carriers in armed conflict, including working with non-state armed groups. The ICRC's work ranges from training groups in first aid to encouraging compliance with international humanitarian law. This session will explore how the ICRC works with these groups, what encourages compliance with IHL, and current challenges that the ICRC faces on this subject at the moment.

Pete Evans, ICRC Washington

9:15 – 10:30

Detention in NIACs and review processes

This session will explore the law surrounding detention in non-international armed conflicts, as well as issues relating to procedural guarantees, including provisions for detainees currently being held at Guantanamo Bay.

Andrea Harrison, ICRC Washington

Charlie Trumbull, Office of the Legal Advisor, Department of State

Heather Brandon, Human Rights First

10:30 – 10:45

Break

10:45 – 11:45

The Cyber Longbow and other aspects of information warfare

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Brown will discuss the challenges of international law in addressing how States and Non-State actors are using cyberspace in novel ways that may not be addressed adequately under existing legal structures.
COL (ret.) Gary Brown, former SJA, CYBERCOM

11:45 – 12:45

Working Lunch

Discussion on the changing nature of warfare
Moderated by Tracey Begley, ICRC Washington

12:45 – 14:00

Urban Warfare

Wars are frequently fought in cities, which end up have a strong and detrimental impact on civilians living in those places. This session will look at some of the lasting effects of urban warfare on civilians and civilian infrastructure, targeting issues and legal issues related to siege warfare and humanitarian access.

LtCol John Cherry, USMC, Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

14:00 – 15:15

Safe Zones: Operational, Legal and Policy Issues

Safe zones or protected areas have often been proposed to help protect and shelter civilians from hostilities. There is often confusion around the definition of these zones and the legal framework for establishing safe zones or protected areas. Participants will discuss key issues around safe zones, including vetting of civilians, ensuring that the civilians are protected, and the possible use of air power. This session will help clarify the above mentioned issues, and facilitate a discussion around the operational requirements of establishing a safe zone.

Scott Cooper, Human Rights First
Stephen Wrage, US Naval Academy

15:15 – 15:30

Wrap-up – Remaining Q&A

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